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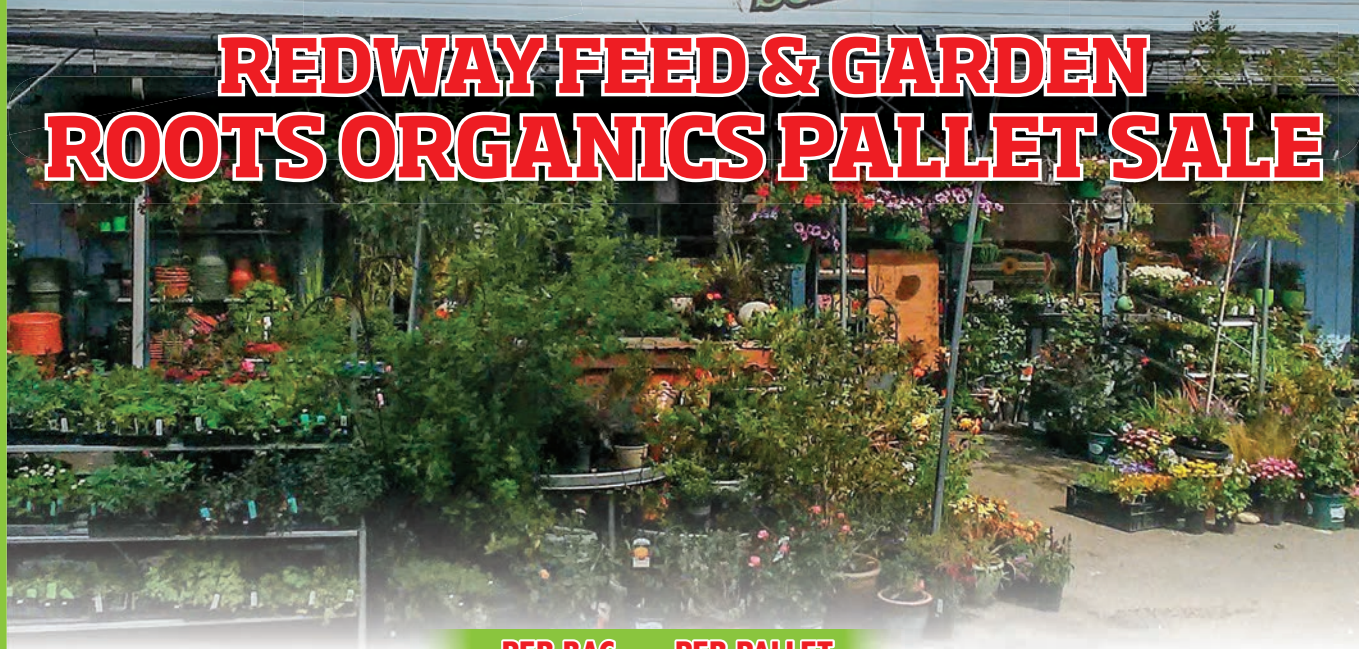
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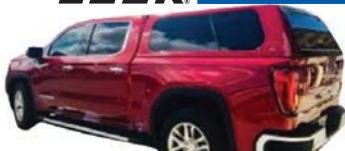
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Rainbow trout

Q: How high can rainbow trout jump?

A: A rainbow trout can jump a maximum of about three meters or almost 10 feet. However, a more realistic day-to-day jump would be closer to 1.5 meters or about five feet. Rainbow trout are known for being fast swimmers and high jumpers. The reason they can swim so fast and jump so high is because they are very muscular and flexible. This flexibility comes from the fact that rainbow trout have many small delicate vertebrae. A rainbow trout has about 62 vertebrae, whereas a bass only has about 32. This extra flexibility allows them to use the full range of their muscles to jump over obstacles. For more fun fish facts, visit the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Classroom Aquarium Education Program.

Rattlesnakes

Q: Are rattlesnakes aggressive or do they typically avoid confrontation?

A: Rattlesnakes are not aggressive by nature, but they will defend themselves when threatened. If left alone, they will typically move away from a threat, not

toward it. If rattlesnakes are unable to escape, they typically signal advance notice of an attack by taking a defensive posture and rattling. Biting is considered a last resort. Venom for a rattlesnake is meant for prey immobilization and digestion. It can take weeks for a rattlesnake to replenish after envenomation. Most bites occur when someone does not see a rattlesnake or deliberately puts themselves in harm's way. Being aware of where you step or put your hands when in rattlesnake country is the best way to avoid being bitten.

Rattlesnakes are distributed broadly across California but are typically found in open habitats like grasslands, savanna and desert. They prefer to live in and around rock outcrops when available. When they are found in homes and yards, it's usually along a wildland-urban interface. California residents can make their yards rattlesnake safe by removing objects that attract them and their prey. This can include keeping vegetation away from fences, removing piles of boards or rocks and repairing potential access points.

For more information visit www.wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/Rattlesnakes.

Desert plants

Q: What is the California Desert Native Plants Act?

A: The purpose of the California Desert Native Plants Act (CDNPA) is to protect certain species of California desert native plants from unlawful harvesting on both public and privately owned lands. The CDNPA only applies within the boundaries of Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties. Within these counties, the CDNPA prohibits the harvest, transport, sale or possession of specific native desert plants under many circumstances unless a person has a valid permit or wood receipt, and the required tags and seals. The appropriate permits, tags and seals must

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There are two ways that recreational anglers can contribute to the accuracy of the data:

(1) Anglers should cooperate with the CRFS sampler conducting the interview. Please answer the CRFS interview questions truthfully. Take the time to allow the sampler to examine and measure any catch. As a result of increased sampling levels, recreational anglers, particularly those who fish frequently, are more likely to encounter CRFS samplers conducting the survey. Every fishing trip is different — different target species, success rates, different locations, different gear, etc. — so CDFW asks anglers to please complete this survey each time you are asked, even if you've completed it before.

(2) Say "yes" to the CRFS telephone surveyor. Licensed anglers are contacted randomly throughout the year and asked questions about their fishing habits. Data collected through this telephone survey are used to estimate fishing effort that cannot be estimated through field observations, such as night fishing and fishing from boats that depart from and return to private marinas. Personal contact information is kept confidential.

For more information visit CDFW's California Recreational Fisheries Survey webpage.



If you have a question you would like to see answered in the California Outdoors Q and A column, email it to CalOutdoors@wildlife.ca.gov.



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A Brunch Surprise for Mom

(CULINARY.NET) Mother's Day is a time to celebrate and treat your mom to a delicious breakfast or brunch. Whether it's a meal in bed or a beautiful spread on the dining room table, make the day special with simple recipes that are sure to impress.

Try this Brunch Fruit Tart with a tasty granola crust and colorful fruit topping to start Mother's Day in style. It's a sweet option to begin her day on the right note.

With a crunchy crust and smooth center, this tart is balanced, easy to make and a beautiful addition to the menu. It's also easy to customize as the fruit topping options are nearly unlimited. Pick your mom's favorites and decorate the top however you please. Or, let the little ones get creative and put their own spin on an essential Mother's Day meal.

For more brunch recipes, visit Culinary.net.

Brunch Fruit Tart

Recipe adapted from homemadeinterest.com

Crust:

- 4 cups granola mixture
- ½ cup butter, softened

- 4 ½ tablespoons honey
- nonstick cooking spray

Filling:

- 2 ¼ cups vanilla Greek yogurt
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 package gelatin

Toppings:

- strawberries, sliced
- blueberries
- kiwis, sliced

To make crust: Preheat oven to 350 F.

In large bowl, combine granola, butter and honey. Grease 11-inch tart pan with nonstick cooking spray. Line bottom of tart pan with parchment paper.

Press granola mixture into tart pan. Place tart pan on baking sheet and bake 10 minutes. Cool completely.

To make filling: Using mixer, combine yogurt, cream cheese, sugar, vanilla extract and gelatin until whipped completely.

Pour yogurt mixture into tart crust. Refrigerate at least 1 hour.

Top with strawberries, blueberries and kiwis.



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Protecting People and Property from Wildfires

(STATEPOINT) Today, one-third of all U.S. homes are in what are known as wildland-urban interface (WUI) zones, regions in or adjacent to areas prone to wildland fires. As with many types of disasters, wildland fires are increasing in severity and frequency. This is because of the continuously changing climate. However, there are things we can do now to help protect properties, ensure the safety of residents, and strengthen local communities.

Building Safety Month is an annual international educational campaign to raise awareness about building safety codes and the work of code professionals. Organized by the International Code Council every May, it serves as a helpful reminder that one of the most effective ways to prepare for, prevent, and mitigate wildland fires and other natural hazards is by adopting, implementing, and enforcing up-to-date building codes and standards.

"While forest management and traditional wildland fire suppression activities reduce the severity of WUI fires, unless rigorous wildland fire codes and standards are also adopted and enforced, lives and property remain at risk," says Karl Fippinger, CEM, PMP, vice president of Fire and Disaster Mitigation for

the International Code Council.

As Fippinger notes, building codes such as the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC) have been shown to be effective and should be adopted by both communities within WUI zones, as well as areas that may soon be in the crosshairs due to a changing climate. The IWUIC focuses on the use of ignition-resistant building materials, screens to prevent embers from penetrating into eaves and under foundations, creating defensible space, and providing access to water supplies for fire services. The National Institute of Building Sciences found that adopting the 2015 edition of the IWUIC in 10,000 census blocks across the country would generate \$4 in wildland fire mitigation savings for every \$1 invested. Additionally, retrofitting 2.5 million affected homes to the 2018 IWUIC could provide a nationwide benefit-cost ratio as high as \$8:1.

Fortunately, FEMA's new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program prioritizes the adoption and implementation of hazard-resistant codes like the IWUIC.

In addition to supporting the enforcement of up-to-date building codes

and standards at the community level, low-cost wildland fire prevention and mitigation activities can provide homeowners with an additional layer of protection and peace of mind:

- **Tidying your yard:** Simple landscaping can make a big difference in the event of a wildfire, so consider regularly removing leaves, tree limbs and low-hanging branches from around your home, as well as clearing any dead brush and dense vegetation. Also, store firewood and other easily flammable things at least 30 to 100 feet away from the house, sheds or other structures.

Furthermore, consider plants with high moisture content, which are more fire-resistive and with appropriate distance, can help create a firebreak around your home. However, it will be important to control the height and spread of ground covering vegetation.

- **Maintaining your home:** Keeping gutters, eaves and your roof clear of leaves and other debris is vital as these actions can help feed the flames of wildland fires.

If you're thinking of potential renovations or remodels, consider including fire safety features on any decks, porches, fences and other add-ons. For example, consider building with listed and approved fire-resistant materials. Also consider disconnecting combustible fencing from your home and other structures and replacing those connections with fire-resistant fencing materials.

If you have a deck, remember to clear debris underneath and create a defensible space around it.

"Each year, wildfires cause insurmountable damage — resulting in mounting costs with enormous economic and environmental impacts. However, by investing more now to ensure our communities have the proper protections, we can mitigate the damage and support a faster recovery in the aftermath of a disaster," says Fippinger.

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Think Your Child Might Have Asthma? Take These Steps

(FAMILY FEATURES) Does your child sometimes wheeze? Are they short of breath? If so, they may need to see a health care provider to determine if they have asthma. Asthma affects the airways, or tubes, that carry air in and out of the lungs. In people with asthma, inhaling an irritant causes the airways to become inflamed and the airway muscles to tighten, making it harder to breathe.

Asthma is the most common long-term health condition in children, af-

fecting about 5 million kids in the United States. It usually starts before age five. Asthma impacts some groups of children more than others. For example, boys are more likely than girls to be diagnosed with it. Black, Puerto Rican and

Native American children are more likely than white children to have asthma.

Poorly controlled asthma can cause kids to miss school or even end up in the hospital. The good news is that with the right management, most kids with asthma can lead healthy, active lives. Here are several things you can do if you think your child has asthma:

Look out for common signs and symptoms of asthma. These include coughing, wheezing, chest tightness and shortness of breath. According to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), up to 40 percent of children who wheeze when they get colds or respiratory infections eventually get diagnosed with asthma. Notice when and where your child has symptoms. Do the symptoms interrupt your child's sleep? Do they occur during a specific time of the day? Do exercise, allergies or illness make them worse?

If your child's symptoms persist, see a health care provider. The health care provider may ask about your child's medical history and symptoms and do a physical exam. They may also conduct tests to measure your child's breathing.

Work with the doctor to develop an asthma action plan if your child is diagnosed with asthma. This is important. The plan will help you track medicines, monitor symptoms and changes, and un-



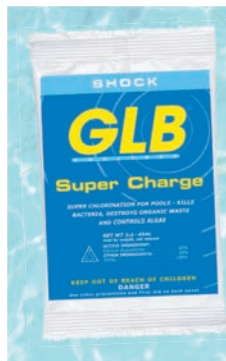
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derstand when emergency care is necessary.

Learn about the triggers that can bring on an asthma attack. Try to avoid the triggers that make your child's symptoms worse. These may include things that cause allergies — such as pets, pollen, mold and dust — or cold or low-quality air, infections such as the flu and tobacco smoke.

Your family and health care provider can work together to control your child's asthma and keep your child doing the activities they love.

Find asthma information and resources from NHLBI's Learn More Breathe Better(r) program at nhlbi.nih.gov/breathebetter. ♦

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Fill a shallow saucer with chlorine-free water and place rocks in and around the water to attract toads to your landscape. Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

Enlist Nature's Help for Managing Garden Pests

by Melinda Myers

PUT AWAY THE harsh chemicals and work in concert with nature to manage pests in the garden. Create an inviting habitat for nature's pest controllers to enlist their help with your gardening efforts.

Lady beetles, praying mantis and other beneficial insects feed on damaging pests like aphids. Just tolerate a bit of damage and wait for the good guys to move in and clean up the problem.

Grow a few plants to attract these and other beneficial insects to your landscape. Dill and its relatives attract parasitic wasps, coreopsis brings in the aphid-eating lacewings, and milkweed attracts lady beetles as well as monarch and other butterflies. Add some hyssop to attract the pirate bugs that eat thrips,

spider mites and leafhoppers. Then plant members of the aster family to attract spiders that eat a variety of insects.

Invite songbirds into your gardens. They add motion and color to the landscape and help manage garden pests. Most songbirds eat a combination of fruits, berries, seeds and insects. Their diet varies with the season. During spring and summer, they eat lots of insects and spiders when they are plentiful, easy to catch and an important part of their hatchlings' diet.

A birdbath will help attract them and beneficial insects to the garden. Select one with sloping sides for easy access to the water. Add a few seed producing flowers like black-eyed Susans, cone-flowers, salvia, coreopsis and more. If

space allows, include a few berry producing shrubs like dogwoods and evergreens for shelter.

Leave some leaf litter under trees and shrubs and in the garden for toads that dine on slugs and other insects. Include a shallow pond or water feature. Even a shallow saucer filled with chlorine-free water is effective. Place rocks in and around the water for added toad appeal. Purchase or make your own toad abode from a ceramic or clay pot. Place it in a shady location near a garden filled with protein-rich insects. Set it directly on the soil and elevate one side with stones or use a cracked or broken pot that provides an entryway for the toad.

If you can't wait for nature's help, look for more eco-friendly options.

Knock aphids and mites off plants with a strong blast of water. Trap slugs with shallow cans filled with beer. Trap and kill aphids in yellow bowls filled with soapy water.

Use barriers of floating row covers to keep pests like cabbage worms, Japanese beetles and bean beetles off plants that don't need bees for pollination. These fabrics let air, light and water through so just loosely cover the plants at planting, anchor the edges and allow the plants to support the fabric.

Use these fabrics to help manage squash vine borer and squash bugs. Cover squash plants at planting. Remove the fabric as soon as the plants begin flowering for bees to pollinate the flowers. Only use this method if these pests were not a problem in this area of the garden the previous growing season.

Remove and destroy, smash, or prune out pest-infested stems as they are found. Enlist the help of young gardeners. Teach them the difference between the good and bad bugs in the garden. Then show them how to pluck, drop and stomp the plant-damaging pests. They'll burn off some excess energy while helping maintain your garden.

If you decide to intervene with a chemical control, look for the most eco-friendly option on the market. Always read and follow label directions as these chemicals are designed to kill insects and if misapplied can harm beneficial insects as well.



Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook*, 2nd Edition and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Summit for her expertise to write this article. Her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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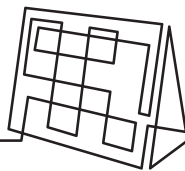
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Equity Arcata's Community Book Club. Third Monday of every month, 4-6 p.m. Online. Alia Dunphy and Meridith Oram discuss Adrienne Marie Brown's book *Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds*. On Zoom. Register online. www.equityarcata.com.

Equity Series Book Discussion Group. Thu., May 5, 3:45-4:45 p.m. and Thu., May 12, 3:45-4:45 p.m. Online. *Cultivating Genius: An Equity Framework for Culturally and Historically Responsive Literacy*. In partnership with Redwood Writing Project. Free book provided to all participants. Register online for Zoom link. www.my.hcoe.net.

On the Same Page Book Club. Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Online. Online book club that meets on the first Wednesday of the month on Zoom. Sign up using the Google form at www.forms.gle/bAsjdQ7hKGqEGJKj7.

Shelter n Play. Fridays, 6 p.m. Online. Public group on Facebook made up of local musicians and music fans. Live streams, videos, events and local music links. www.facebook.com/groups/224856781967115.

The Bartow Project. Culmination of a three-year collaboration between Dell'Arte, the Wiyot Tribe, Native filmmakers and the HSU Goudi'ni Gallery to present four short films about the art and life of Wiyot artist Rick Bartow. \$15. www.thebartowproject.com. (707) 668-5663.

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Nordic Aquafarms' Open Zoom. Wed., May 4, 12:30-1:30 p.m. and Wed., May 11, 12:30-1:30 p.m. This is a casual open Zoom meeting where people can ask questions and discuss the proposed Nordic Aquafarms project. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82606727970> Meeting ID: 826 0672 7970 One tap mobile +16699009128,,82606727970# US (San Jose) +12532158782,,82606727970# US (Tacoma) satkinssalazar@gmail.com. us02web.zoom.us/j/82606727970.

Sistahood. Saturdays, 9:30-11 a.m. Online. For women teenagers and older on Zoom, to build healthy relationships and strengthen ties through validation and affirmation. Music from 9:30 a.m., open conversation from 9:45 a.m., meditation with the Sista Prayer Warriors from 10:45 a.m.

Ujima Parent Peer Support. Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Online. For BIPOC families. See the HC Black Music and Arts Association Facebook page for more information. hblackmusicnarts@gmail.com.

Volunteer Orientation Food for People. Mondays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. and Thursdays, 3-4 p.m. Help fight hunger and improve nutrition in the community. Visit the website to be invited to a Zoom orientation. Free. volunteer@foodforpeople.org / www.foodforpeople.org/volunteering. (707) 445-3166 ext. 310.

Curry County

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

Brookings-Harbor Farmers Market. Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Brookings-Harbor Farmers Market, 15786 U.S. Highway 101, South Brookings. Produce, artisan foods, baked goods, grass-fed beef, crafts and more. Look for the big white tents. Open year-round, rain or shine.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast. 8-10:30 a.m. Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 820 Old County Road, Brookings. Every second Sunday of the month. \$8.

OHA Vaccine Clinic. Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Curry County Public Library, 94341 Third St., Gold Beach. This COVID-19 vaccine event is held by the Oregon Health Authority. Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer age 5 to 11 and Moderna. No appointment needed,

walk-ins welcome. For more info, go to www.currypubliclibrary.org/event/oha-community-vaccine-event.

Puzzle Exchange. Gold Beach Community Center, 29841 Airport Way. First Tuesday of every month.

Del Norte County

ARTS & CULTURE

Sarah Hagen in "Perk Up, Pianist!" Sat., May 14, 7-9:30 p.m. Crescent Elk Auditorium, 994 G St, Crescent City. A concert with award-winning pianist in her comedy show. This one-woman, sit-down comedy project is critically-acclaimed, charting the tale of a touring classical musician who remains optimistic amidst challenging and ridiculous situations. sarahhagen.com Contact venue for current COVID protocols. \$20, \$18, \$15. office@dnaca.net. dnaca.eventbrite.com. 707-464-1336.

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

Ocean Air Farms Farm Stand. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Ocean Air Farms, 2420 Moorehead Road, Crescent City. Roadside farm stand offering homegrown organic veggies and produce.

Humboldt County

ARTS & CULTURE

101 Dalmatians KIDS. Sat., May 7, 1 & 5:30 p.m. Arkley Center for the Performing Arts, 412 G St., Eureka. Disney's classic animated tale is adapted in a musical adventure performed by Main Stage Young Performers Co. as a part of Main Stage's Family Series. Check with venue for current COVID protocols. \$15-\$18. box-office@mainstagehumboldt.org. www.mainstagehumboldt.org/shows-events. (707) 200-1778.

Absynth Quartet. Fri., May 6, 7:30 p.m. The Old Steeple, 246 Berding St., Ferndale. Arcata's favorite fire breathing indie grass band makes their Old Steeple debut. Vaccination and masks are strongly encouraged. \$20, \$15 advance.

Anna Hamilton. Fri., May 13, 5-8 p.m. Six Rivers Brewery, Tasting Room & Restaurant, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Blues, humor. On the patio. Contact venue for current COVID protocols. www.sixriversbrewery.com.

Art Night at the Sanctuary. First Thursday of every month, 4-7 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Create with others freely or work on a guided project. Bring your own supplies or use what's around to collage, paint, draw, make an art book, etc. \$5-\$20 suggested, no one turned away for lack of funds. www.sanctuaryarcata.org.

Arts Alive. First Saturday of every month, 6-9 p.m. Historic Old Town Eureka, Second Street. Art, and a heap of it, plus live music. All around Old Town and Downtown, Eureka. Free. www.eurekamainstreet.org. (707) 442-9054.

Arts! Arcata. Second Friday of every month, 4-8 p.m. City of Arcata, Arcata. Celebrate the visual and performing arts in Downtown Arcata during Arts! Arcata. Enjoy art, shopping, live music, events and more.

Bayside Ballads and Blues. Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. Clam Beach Tavern, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Every Wednesday. Contact venue for current COVID protocols.

Better Get It In Your Soul: the CPH Jazz Orchestra plays Mingus. Thu., May 12, 8-10 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, California Polytechnic University Humboldt, Arcata. A celebration of the legendary jazz musician during the centennial of his birth. Proof of COVID vaccination and booster is required for all guests on campus. \$10, \$5 child, free for Cal Poly Humboldt students with ID. mus@humboldt.edu. music.humboldt.edu/upcoming. (707) 826-3566.

Billy Bob Thornton & The Boxmasters. Mon., May 9. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. <https://tickets.vemos.io/-LvzSYM6udEnG-fKIRLa/arcata-theatre-lounge/-Mxu31LYyJI-W364DoJIV/billy-bob-thornton-the-boxmasters>. Check venue for current COVID protocol. www.arcatatheatre.com.

Buddy Reed. Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m. Palm Lounge, Eureka Inn, 518 Seventh St. Solo blues. Check with venue for current COVID protocols. www.eurekainn.com.

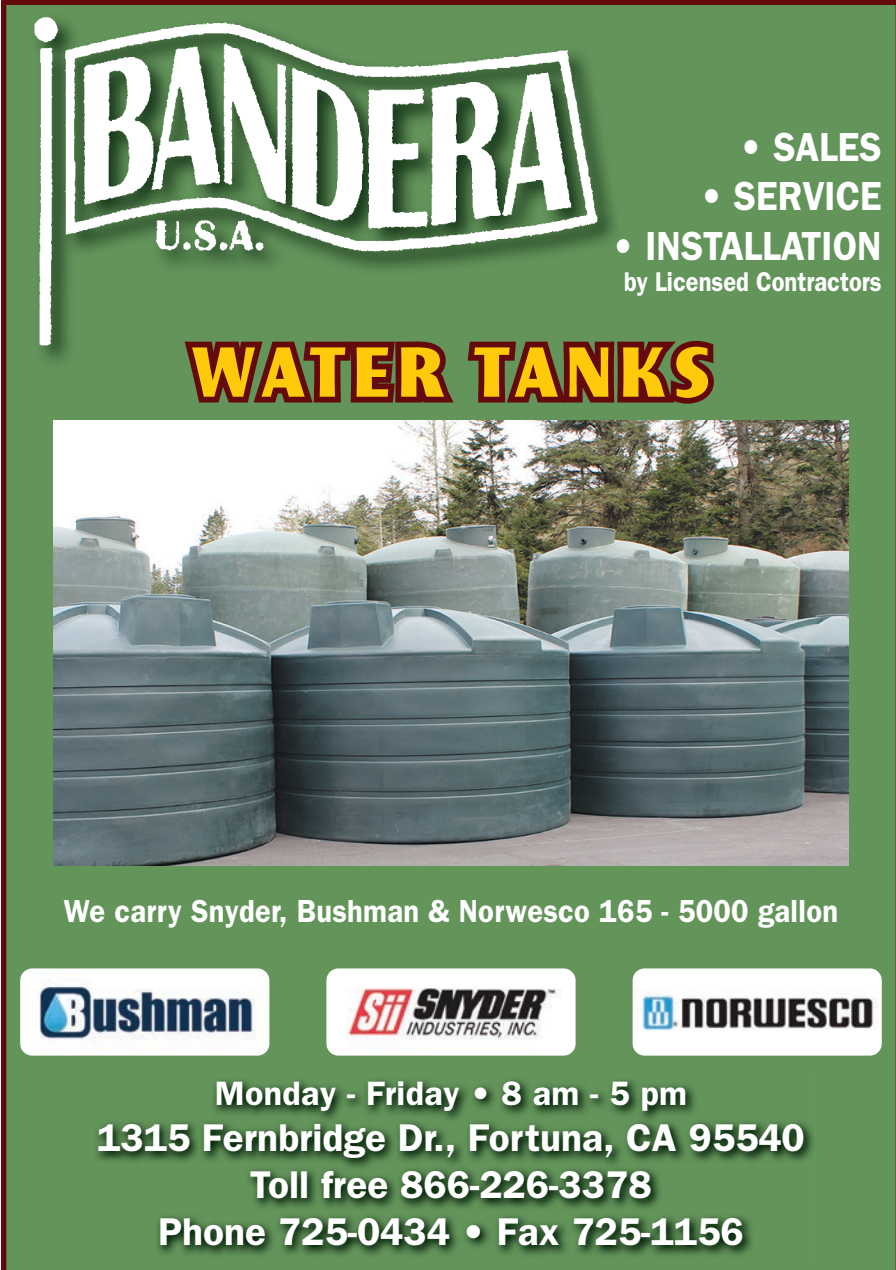
Cal Poly Humboldt Symphony Concert. Sun., May 8, 2-4 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, California Polytechnic University Humboldt, Arcata. Featuring conductor Garrick Woods and Concerto/Aria Competition winners, pianist Gaoyi Xiao and baritone Pablo Murcia. Compositions by Mozart, Beethoven, Rimsky-Korsakov, Prokofiev and Rossano Galante. Proof of COVID vaccination and booster required for all guests on campus. Masks strongly encouraged. \$10, \$5 child, free for Cal Poly Humboldt students with ID. mus@humboldt.edu. music.humboldt.edu/upcoming. (707) 826-3566.

Club Triangle Opening Night. Sat., May 7, 7:30 p.m. North Coast Repertory Theatre, 300 Fifth St., Eureka. An evening of campy queer fun featuring drag and burlesque performances, followed by a DJ dance party. Proof of COVID vaccination is required. Masking is requested when not eating and drinking. KN95s avail-

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Cocktail Piano. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 6-8 p.m. Palm Lounge, Eureka Inn, 518 Seventh St. Jazz, pop and classical piano music. Check with venue for current COVID protocols. Free. www.eurekainn.com.

Comedy Humboldt Open Mic. First Thursday of every month, 8-10 p.m. Clam Beach Tavern, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Contact venue for current COVID protocols.

Dances of Brazil. Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Learn Brazilian dances with instructors Rocío Cristal and Maria Vanderhorst. All levels. Limited to five people. Register online. \$15. talavera.rocio@gmail.com.

Dr. Squid. Fri., May 6, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Bear River Casino Resort, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta. Dr. Squid performs the greatest dance music from the last 50 years of rock and roll as well as jazz standards and a bit of country music. Contact venue for current COVID protocols. Free. fb.me/e/29PlcWSSy.

Driven Out: The Forgotten War Against Chinese Americans - History Talk - Eureka Chinatown Year of the Tiger Celebration. Sat., May 7, 12-1 p.m. Clarke Historical Museum, Third and E streets, Eureka. This online and in-person history talk is a part of the Eureka Chinatown Year of the Tiger Celebration. Jean Pfaezler is a Professor at the University of Delaware and author of the book "Driven Out: The Forgotten War Against the Chinese Americans". She will discuss the Chinese Expulsion in Humboldt County during the late 1800s. RSVP [http://www.clarkemuseum.org/More info @eurekachinatownproject](http://www.clarkemuseum.org/More%20info%20@eurekachinatownproject)

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Elk River Heritage Days with Jerry Rohde. Sat., May 14, 2-4 p.m. Humboldt Grange Hall, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. Join the local historian for a look at Elk River's progression through the late 19th and early 20th centuries with images and accounts. Masks and proof of current COVID vaccination required. Free. friendsofelkriver95503@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/humboldt.grange. none.

Friday Night Open Mic at Eureka VFW. Fridays, 8-11 p.m. Eureka Veteran's Memorial Building, 1018 H St. Free open mic comedy at Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872 Canteen. Come get your chuckles on. Free. (206) 348-9335.

Friday the 13th 3D (1982). Fri., May 13, 8-10:35 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show at 8 p.m. Movie at 9 p.m. Posters available for purchase. Custom-printed 3D glasses included with ticket purchase. Contact venue for current COVID protocols. \$8. info@arcatatheatre.com. www.facebook.com/events/682056473103266. (707) 613-3030.

Grupo Nueva Illusion. Thu., May 5, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Bear River Casino and Resort Ballroom, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta. A special Cinco de Mayo Banda in the Tish non Ballroom. Check with venue for current COVID protocols. \$10. www.fb.me/e/315yeSdIn.

Happy Hour w/Anna "Banana" Hamilton. Saturdays, 5-8 p.m. Clam Beach Tavern, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Blues, humor. Check with venue for current COVID protocols.

Highway Bound. Sat., May 7, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Bear River Casino Resort, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta. High energy country originals in the Thirsty Bear Lounge. Contact venue for current COVID protocols. Free. fb.me/e/6ulS6Bvf6.

Humboldt Steel Pan Festival. Sun., May 8, 12-7 p.m. Creamery District, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata. Celebrate with Humboldt Calypso Band, Del Norte High, Blue Dragon Steel Band, Arcata High and Pan Dulce perform. Free. humboldtsteelpan@gmail.com.

Kenny Bowling. Fridays, 9-midnight. Clam Beach Tavern, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Country music. Every Friday. Contact venue for current COVID protocols.

Light Of A Clear Blue Morning: University Singers and Humboldt Chorale. Fri., May 6, 8-10 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, California Polytechnic University Humboldt, Arcata. Rachel Samet conducts a variety of musical styles and moods. Inspired by nature and the human spirit. Proof of COVID vaccina-

tion and booster is required for all guests on campus. Masks strongly encouraged. \$10, \$5 child, free for Cal Poly Humboldt students with ID. mus@humboldt.edu. music.humboldt.edu/upcoming. (707) 826-3566.

Live Music at The Bigfoot Taproom with Papa Haole & The Fleas. Sat., May 14, 6-9 p.m. The Bigfoot Taproom, 1750 Central Ave, McKinleyville. Playing original rock, reggae, ska, Latin and calypso. thebigfoottaproom@gmail.com. thebigfoottaproom.com. 17076304057.

Live Music for The General. Sat., May 7, 8:30 p.m. Eureka Theater, 612 F St. A concert of live original music composed by Gregg Moore and set to the action of the Buster Keaton silent comedy. Local instrumentalists, including Cal Poly Humboldt faculty and alumni, perform. www.theeurektheater.org.

Momix - Alice. Sat., May 7, 8-9:30 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. Center Arts presents choreographer Moses Pendleton's latest work, a journey through the world of Alice in Wonderland in a multimedia spectacle. Check venue for current COVID protocol. \$49, \$22 child. carts@humboldt.edu. www.sles.humboldt.edu/sac/events-calendar. (707) 826-3928.

Moon Hooch. Wed., May 11, 8 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Check venue for current COVID protocol. www.arcatatheatre.com.

Music for The General. Fri., May 6. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Live original music composed by Gregg Moore and set to the action of the Buster Keaton silent comedy. Performed by local instrumentalists, including Cal Poly Humboldt faculty and alumni. Check venue for current COVID protocol. www.arcataplayhouse.org/events/music-for-the-general/.

Particle Kid w/the Starhoppers. Thu., May 5, 7:30 p.m. The Old Steeple, 246 Berding St., Ferndale. Experimental future-folk project from Los Angeles-based musician and visual artist Micah Nelson, son of Willie Nelson. Local space-surf band The Starhoppers, featuring Paul Beatie, open. Vaccination and masks are strongly encouraged. \$30, \$25 advance.

Pitts Family Quartet. Sat., May 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Fortuna Monday Club, 610 Main St. The Fortuna Concert presents Larry, Katri, Auror and Trillium on piano, violin and voice. Repertoire ranges from classical to fiddle tunes and Broadway song and dance. Audience members must show proof of COVID-19 vaccinations wear appropriate masks. \$10 at the door. fortunaconcert@live.

com.fortunaconcertseries.com.

SICK!CK. Sat., May 7. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Check venue for current COVID protocol. www.tickets.vemos.io/-LvzSY-m6udEnGfKIRLa/arcata-theatre-lounge/-Munya5li6mlShtArjPN/sckck.

Scott Amendola, Ben Goldberg and Todd Sickafoose. Sat., May 7, 8 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. The trio perform a jazz tribute to Thelonius Monk and more. Guests will be required to wear masks and show proof of vaccination at the door. www.arcataplayhouse.org/events/scott-amendola-ben-goldberg-todd-sickafoose-play-the-music-of-thelonius-monk-and-more/.

Selena (1997). Sun., May 8, 5-8:30 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show at 5 p.m. Movie starts at 6 p.m. Posters available for purchase. Contact venue for current COVID protocols. \$8. info@arcatatheatre.com. www.facebook.com/events/1027724488140413. (707) 613-3030.

The Color of Jazz. Thursdays, 7-10 p.m. Palm Lounge, Eureka Inn, 518 Seventh St. Jazz, blues, pop and country. Check with venue for current COVID protocols. Free. www.eurekainn.com.

The Melange at Fortuna's First Friday. Fri., May 6, 6-9 p.m. Fortuna Main Street, Main Street. Performing sultry indy alternative rock and roll between Ninth and 10th streets. Free. themelangemusic@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/melangerocks.

The Tripletones. Fri., May 13, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Bear River Casino Resort, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta. The Tripletones play country, blues and classic rock 'n roll. Ages 21 and up. Contact venue for current COVID protocols. Free. www.fb.me/e/37eNTvRGv.

The Undercovers. Sat., May 14, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Bear River Casino Resort, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta. Dance hits. Ages 21 and up. Contact venue for current COVID protocols. Free. www.fb.me/e/6lKhLmjNh.

Why Birdsong is Music - theTheory and Application. Fri., May 13, 6:30-8 p.m. Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 24 Fellowship Way, Bayside. Doug Carroll discusses his theory defining birdsong as music and plays cello accompanied by recorded birdsong. www.huuf.org.

Zeno's Curious Goods Grand Opening. Sat., May 7, 6-9 p.m. Zeno's Curious Goods, 320 Second St., Suite 1B, Eureka. Featuring creations by local artist and comedian Jessica Grant, and complimentary fortune readings. Free. Curiousgoodseureka@gmail.com. (707) 798-1480.

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Abbey of the Redwoods Flea Market. First Saturday of every month, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Grace Good Shepherd Church, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Local arts, products, goods. Free entry.

Atlanta's Victory Run. Sun., May 8, 10 a.m.-noon. Arcata Co-op, 811 I St. The 2-mile and 5-mile flat out-and-back courses through the Arcata bottoms are open to strollers and wheelchairs. Proceeds support the Breast and GYN Health Project, and local running teams. \$15-\$20. atalantasvictoryrun@gmail.com. www.atalanta-run.com.

Bike and Hike Day. First Saturday of every month. Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, 127011 Newton B Drury, Orick. Enjoy the parkway through the redwoods the first Saturday of every month through May while it's closed to motor vehicles. Leashed dogs welcome. Free.

Bike Rodeo 2022. Sat., May 14, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Newburg Park, 2700 Newburg Road, Fortuna. Kids 5-12 learn basic bicycle skills and important safety tips. Plus, free helmets and raffle for a kid's bike giveaway. Free.

Bon Voyage to the Riviera. Fri., May 6, 6 p.m. Scotia Lodge, 100 Main St. Redwood Preparatory Charter School in Fortuna hosts its 11th annual gala. Dress in cocktail attire for dinner, dancing, raffles, games, silent auction and more along the Riviera. Tickets also include gaming tickets and balloon pop for prizes. Contact venue for current COVID protocols. \$50. www.redwoodprep.org. (707) 682-6149.

Cinco De Mayo/Five-Year Anniversary Celebration. Thu., May 5, 7-10 p.m. The Historic Eagle House, 139 Second St., Eureka. The Historic Eagle House and the Inn at 2nd and C celebrate with music by Object Heavy. Call to reserve a table. (707) 407-0634.

Drag Races. Sat., May 14, 9:30 a.m. and Sun., May 15. Samoa Drag Strip, Lincoln Avenue and New Navy Base Road. Details online. \$10, free for 12 and under. www.samoadragstrip.com.

Drop-In Volunteer Day. Thu., May 12, 1-4 p.m. Bayside Park Farm, 930 Old Arcata Road, Arcata. Get a taste of a farmer's work growing vegetables, herbs and flowers. Come prepared for sunshine, cold, wet and working in the dirt. Bring a water bottle, snacks, closed toe shoes, long pants, sleeves and a sun hat. Free. baysideparkfarm@cityofarcata.org. www.cityofarcata.org/440/Bayside-Park-Farm. (707) 822-8184.

Dune Restoration Work Days. Second

Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila. Help restore the dune ecosystem of the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center by removing invasive plants. Training in plant identification and removal provided. COVID-19 safety practices in place. Wear masks while gathered and practice social distancing. Free. dante@friendsofthedunes.org. www.friendsofthedunes.org/dert-days. (707) 444-1397.

Eureka Speeder/Train Rides. Sat., May 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Halvorsen Park, Waterfront Drive, Eureka. Ride Humboldt's historic rails along the bay, across the Eureka Slough on Timber Heritage Association's crew car rail speeder. www.timberheritage.org/ride-the-rails-on-a-historic-speeder-crew/. (707) 443-2957.

FOAM Marsh Tour w/Elliott Dabill. Sat., May 7, 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Dabill in the lobby for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on marsh ecology. Masks are recommended inside the building, regardless of COVID vaccination status. Free. (707) 826-2359.

FOAM Marsh Tour w/Paul Johnson. Sat., May 14, 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Johnson in the lobby for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on the ecology. Free. (707) 826-2359.

Fortuna Mother's Day Charm Walk. Fortuna Main Street, Main Street. Participating businesses featured on the map hand charms out to visitors with maps. Visited all the businesses on the map to complete a charm bracelet and enter a prize drawing. \$25 map and bracelet.

Fortuna's First Fridays. Fri., May 6, 6 p.m. City of Fortuna, Various city locations. A monthly event for all ages from May to September (except July). Art, music, food, friends, fun. facebook.com/FortunasFirstFridays.

Freedom Matters. Second Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. Fortuna River Lodge, 1800 Riverwalk Drive. Meets every second Tuesday of the month.

Garberville Farmers Market. Fridays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Garberville Town Square, Church Street. Local farm-fresh produce, meats, cheeses, baked goods and other specialty foods. EBT, Cal-Fresh and WIC accepted.

Guided Tour of Salmon Pass, Headwaters Forest Reserve. Sun., May 15, 10 a.m. South End Headwaters Forest Reserve, Newburg Road, Fortuna. Friends of Headwaters hosts a 4-mile round-trip moderate walk through the

old-growth redwood forest with informational stops. Reservation required by email or phone. Free. BLM_CA_Web_HW@blm.gov. www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/california/headwaters-forest-reserve. (707) 825-2300.

Guided Walk at Founders Grove with Nature Guide Griff. Saturdays, 11 a.m.-noon. Humboldt Redwoods State Park, 17119 Avenue of Giants, Weott. The Founders Grove loop trail is less than a half-mile long and is ADA accessible. There will be frequent stops to discuss the redwoods, the history of the land and the wildlife. Free. John.griffith@parks.ca.gov. www.humboldtredwoods.org.

Humboldt Botanical Garden's Annual Plant Sale. Fri., May 6, 3-7 p.m. and Sat., May 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Humboldt Botanical Garden, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, College of the Redwoods campus, north entrance, Eureka. Members-only preview on Friday. Public sale on Saturday. Please bring your own boxes for your purchases. Membership can be purchased or renewed at the gate. Free admission. hbgf@hbgf.org. www.hbgf.org. (707) 442-5139.

Interpreter Guided Redwood Forest Hike. Fridays, Saturdays, 2-3 p.m. Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park Visitors Center, Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway, Orick. Join park interpreters for a guided hike through the old growth redwood forest. Rain cancels. Check the California State Parks North Coast Redwoods Facebook page for updates/cancellations. Free.

Kentucky Derby Day. Sat., May 7, 1-5 p.m. Scotia Lodge, 100 Main St. Watch the preshow and post on a large screen. Derby adult drink specials, raffle and hat contest. All outdoor activities pending weather. hello@humboldt-social.com. www.scotia-lodge.com/events-calendar. (707) 298-7139.

Kid's Night at the Museum. Fridays, 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments, crafts and games, exploring the planetarium, playing in the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. \$17-\$20. info@discovery-museum.org. www.discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html. (707) 443-9694.

Monthly Meeting VFW Post 1872. First Tuesday of every month, 6-7 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Calling all combat veterans and all veterans eligible for membership in Veterans of Foreign Wars to meet comrades and learn about events in the renovated Memorial Building. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

Mother's Day Brunch. Sun., May 8, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-3:30 p.m. Julia Morgan Redwood Grove, 255 Benbow Dam Road, Garberville. Two seatings for brunch by Local Flavors, mimosa, silent auction and an historic tale of the Julia Morgan home. Purchase tickets in advance at the Garberville Chamber office. \$45. chamber@garberville.org. www.juliamorganredwoodgrove.com. (707) 923-2613.

Mother's Day Market at Fairgrounds. Fri., May 6 and Sat., May 7. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Ferndale. Browse jewelry, fashion, home and garden goods, gifts and more from local vendors at Fig Twig's annual event.

Mother's Day Weekend Plant Sale. Sat., May 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sun., May 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Humboldt Grange Hall, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. Houseplants, succulents, vegetables, etc. One of the grange's big fundraisers. www.facebook.com/humboldt.grange.

Pilates on the Plaza. Fri., May 6, 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Movewell and the Breast and GYN Health Project host a class with a raffle, music and a chance to learn about women's health. Bring a mat and enjoy. Free.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Eureka Chinatown Project Year of the Tiger Celebration. Sat., May 7, 3-4 p.m. Coast Central Credit Union, 402 F St, Eureka. Join us at the first public Chinese Community Gathering at the Historic Eureka Chinatown since 1885. In the Coast Central Parking lot behind Savage Henry. Traditional Lion Dancers at 3pm to bless the site, returning after 137 years. Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony to follow. From 4-5pm the lion dancers will parade around Old Town and perform blessings at various businesses. This event continues at Arts Alive from 6-9pm in Clarke Plaza. Free! hapihumboldt.org/.

Southern Humboldt Garden Club Flower Show. Sun., May 15, 1-5 p.m. Agnes J. Johnson Elementary School, 73 School Road, Weott. The 69th annual small standard show celebrating Agnes J. Johnson and her legacy of education, gardening and community. (707) 946-2248.

Spring Sidewalk Sale. Sat., May 14, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Historic Old Town Eureka, Second Street. Browse sales all up and down the sidewalks of Old Town. www.eurekamainstreet.org.

Spring Sunday Art Markets. Sun., May 8, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sun., May 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. This lively art market is presented by Arcata Main Street and features an array of local

vendors, live music and more. Each week has a theme and a partnership. Free. arcata-mainstreet@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/events/1157330408396124. (707) 822-4500.

Stewardship Work Days. Sat., May 7, 9 a.m.-noon. Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, 380 Janis Court. Celebrate spring with the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust by helping remove invasive plant species from our coastline and maintain safe and reliable public trails. Email to sign up. zoe@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org. www.trinidadcoastallandtrust.org.

Stock Car Racing. Sat., May 14. Redwood Acres Raceway, 3750 Harris St., Eureka. Details and ticket prices online. www.racintheacres.com/.

Street Legal Style Drags. Sat., May 14, 6 p.m. Samoa Drag Strip, Lincoln Avenue and New Navy Base Road. Details online. www.samo-adragstrip.com.

Sumeg Village Tour. Mondays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sue-meg State Park, 4150 Patrick's Point Drive, Trinidad. Join us for a free interpretive tour of Sumeg Village. Rain cancels. Please check the California State Parks North Coast Redwoods Facebook page for updates/cancellations. Free.

Sweet Memories Dessert Auction. Sat., May 7. Ferndale City Hall, 100 Berding. Ferndale Museum hosts a fundraising auction and historical exhibits. (707) 725-9266.

They Call Us Monsters Screening and Presentation. Tue., May 3, 1:30-5 p.m. Sequoia Conference Center, 901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka. A showing of *They Call Us Monsters* followed by a presentation by Jarad Nava from the film. RSVP by emailing vvrtaik@humboldt-ti-pa.com. This event will also be streamed on Zoom. www.sequoiacenter.net.

Tim McKay Birdathon. Locations throughout Humboldt County. Northcoast Environmental Center and Redwood Region Audubon Society host the seventh annual fundraising event. Go birding for a day between April 30 and May 7, record your species and ask your friends to contribute a nickel or more per species. www.yournec.org/birdathon. (707) 822-6918.

Trinidad Flea-Art. First Saturday of every month, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St. Fine local art, food and more. All sales benefit the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse Project. Although COVID mandates are being relaxed, the Health Department recommends that people continue to wear masks indoors, especially if unvaccinated. Please practice social distancing and use sanitizer so all can be safe. (707) 834-8720.

Trivia Night. Every other Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. The Madrone Taphouse, 421 Third St., Eureka. Reel Genius Trivia hosts. Contact venue for current COVID protocols. Free. www.reelgeniustrivia.com.

Willow Creek Farmers Market at Herb & Market. Sat., May 7, 1-5 p.m. Herb & Market Humboldt, 427 H St., Arcata. Meet the farmers, product discounts, Big Island Kine food truck, DJ Goldylocks, artist booths and more. Free. willowcreekcanna@gmail.com. (707) 630-4221.

Year of the Tiger Street Festival. Sat., May 7, 3-4 & 6-9 p.m. City of Eureka, Humboldt County. Eureka Chinatown Project ribbon cutting event from 3 to 4 p.m. on E Street between Third and Fourth streets. Then from 6 to 9 p.m. during Arts Alive, there will be a street festival in front of the Clarke Museum with lion dancers, Lao dancers, Taiko drums, cultural performances, food trucks, artists, kids crafts and more. eurekachinatownproject@gmail.com.

Mendocino County

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

First Friday Art Walk. First Friday of every month, 5-8 p.m. Downtown Ukiah, Ukiah. Join artists and their hosts for an evening of art, music and refreshments as you stroll from one venue to the next; each showcasing local art and artistry.

Fort Bragg Farmers Market. Wednesdays, 2-4:30 p.m. Fort Bragg Farmers Market, N Franklin St. & E Laurel St. Seasonal fruits, vegetables, organic and free range beef and pork and eggs, wild-caught local fish and seafood, artisan goat cheese, sweets, breads, flowers and plants. Plus, hot food, live music.

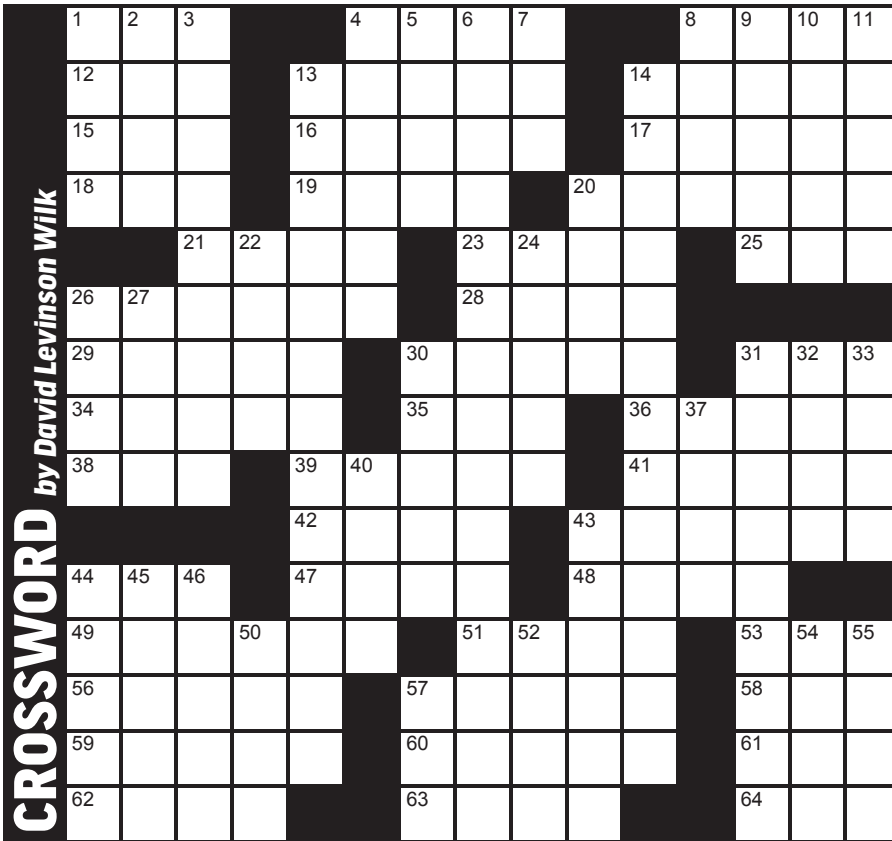
Historic Walking Tours of Mendocino. Saturdays, Sundays. Guest House Museum, 343 N Main St., Fort Bragg. Join local history experts on a two-hour walk through Mendocino's famous Historic District. Book via email. Face coverings required. Well-behaved dogs allowed but must remain outside at some stops. \$50 for up to four people, \$75 for party of six. tours@KelleyHouseMuseum.org.

Ukiah Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon. Alex Thomas Plaza, School and Clay streets, Ukiah.

Lake County

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

Lakeport Farmers Market. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin St., Lakeport. Rain or shine. ♦



CROSSWORD by David Levinson Wilk

NAME — Answers in the next edition

ACROSS

1. Fire ____
4. Toasty
8. Birds appearing on Australia's 50 cent coins
12. Part of FWIW
13. Spanish response to a sneeze
14. Online singles service that features a synagogue directory
15. Gate posting, for short
16. Garlic ____
17. Helped supply a sushi restaurant, say
18. Director Anderson
19. Part of a foot
20. Shop shelter
21. Sharpen
23. Native American tribe with a rain dance
25. Suffix with hex-
26. Rubbish holder
28. Pulls (out)
29. "____ me!"
30. Keep from spreading, as a rumor
31. Proof-ending letters
34. Add ____ of salt
35. Address found online
36. French word before cuisine or couture
38. Piehole
39. Very funny happenings
41. Chilling, as Champagne

42. Subj. for Galileo
43. Most bummed
44. Petting zoo sound
47. Carla player on "Cheers"
48. "Norma Rae" director Martin
49. Serengeti boulder
51. Supply, as paper to a copier
53. Drops on the field?
56. "Death Be Not Proud" poet
57. "It's not my cup ____"
58. Prospector's find
59. Bedtime story?
60. Upscale
61. Mich. neighbor
62. Some Senate votes
63. ____ deucey
64. Safety measure

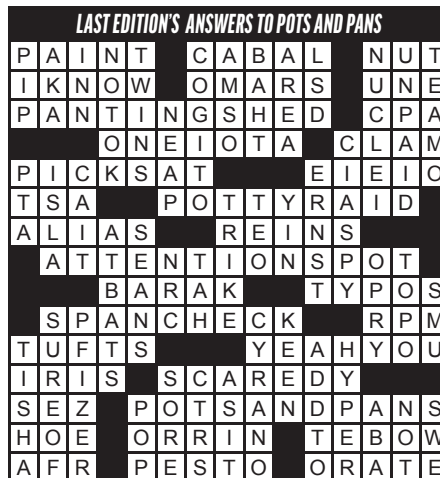
DOWN

1. Several
2. ____ to self
3. It's a huge load of garbage
4. Earl of the U.S. Supreme Court
5. Baldwin of "30 Rock"
6. It may be bumper-to-bumper
7. Diagnosis deliverers: Abbr.
8. Trouble-free place
9. Obama who toured colleges in 2015
10. Knoxville sch.
11. Swamp plant
13. "There is a rose" in this

- neighborhood in a 1960 hit song
14. Passover, for one
20. Complex units: Abbr.
22. Geishas' wear
24. Milky gems
26. On vacation
27. Baking ____
30. "And I ____"
31. "Use your inside voice!" (or a hint to this puzzle's theme)
32. List-ending abbrs.
33. Insect repellent ingredient
37. "What are you, some kind

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- of ____"
40. Workplace welfare org.
43. Light, as a conversation
44. Fussbudget
45. Love, Italian-style
46. Problem in bed, for some
50. TV's Ortiz and Gasteyer
52. Suffix with major
54. Spooky-sounding Pennsylvania city
55. Pioneer's direction
57. Pop star Rita whose last name is the title of her 2012 debut album



HOME COUNTRY

By Slim Randles



"Well that about tears it!" said Steve, twitching his walrus moustache. "How do they expect a guy to get by when they tell him what to do and to send money and re-up every dang thing in your billfold. It ain't right!"

We hadn't seen our favorite cowboy so worked up over something since the boss made him shoe the neighbor lady's mule. He still limps now and then when the weather turns cold.

Steve had been sipping coffee and slitting envelopes as he combined caffeine and mail. As usual.

"Are you going to ask him?" said Doc, turning to Herb.

"You're closer to him than I am, Doc. I might have to raise my voice. Weakens a guy."

Doc grinned. "Okay, Steve, what's the problem?"

"Licenses. Every dang time you turn around some guy behind a counter tells you you have to buy a license. Runs a guy straight into the poorhouse. It does.

"Why, you have to have a license for your pickup, and for your dog, and I'll bet if a guy got married, he'd need a license for that, too."

"You got that right," said Dud.

"Them HAM radio guys gotta have a license, too," Steve said. "Once you buy a license, they give you all them numbers and letters, so your buddies in Thailand know it's you. I'm tired of it. We need a simpler way to live."

"Okay, Steve," Doc said, "What do you suggest we do?"

Steve grinned. "Everybody get a horse. You don't need a license for the horse.

You can get on him and ride him everywhere you go. Works out just fine, in my thinking."

Doc smiled. "I have to go to a conference in Boston, Steve. Any suggestions?"

"Well, Doc," Steve said. "I believe if I were you, I'd saddle up and leave now." ♦

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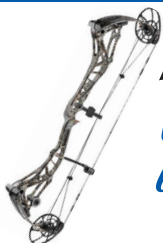
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